

1884-001 Chancery Causes: Jeannie Lawson by tc vs Elbert Lawson  
Lee Co.

Willis

CA - Divorce  
T - Property  
Vices  
Migration

- Deed



To the Honorable John A. Kelly Judge  
of the Circuit Court of Lee County Va.  
Your oratrix Jeannie Lawson  
sues by Winder Lawson her next friend  
humbly complaining sheweth unto  
Honor, that she is the wife of one, Elbert  
Lawson, that her & her said husband have been  
married about two years that she has given  
birth to one child now dead and is now  
enfeebled. That the domestic life of her & her  
husband has been mutually kind and affection-  
ate as common people. until about one  
month ago her said husband became  
sick and ill, began to recklessly sell & dispose  
his personal property, and make every  
arrangement for removal, and about two or three  
weeks ago he abandoned & left your oratrix  
& has gone to the western part of  
the United States. He has left your oratrix with  
no means of a living, or support but des-  
titute - with no one to aid her in her cir-  
cumstances except such relations as may choose  
to help her along.

Your oratrix alleges that she has always been  
faithful to her marital vows, obedient to  
her husband and in no wise at fault for  
the conduct of her said husband. He is young  
as is your oratrix he is not yet 25 years



of age, and your oratrix really believing  
been wrought upon by others older & more  
crafty than himself - The designs of bad  
men have worked him out & they have  
sought to destroy his happiness & that of  
your oratrix so that they might reap  
a harvest in the handling of his property.  
Left to himself he no doubt would  
have continued his duties as husband.

He is the owner in fee simple of  
valuable Tract of Land situated upon the  
"Dickory Hill" in Lee County Va, on the west  
of the North fork of Clinch river & wh.  
he derived by descent from ~~his~~  
his father now deceased and adjacent to  
of Loftus Manor & Soline Lawson, contains  
about 250 or 300. acres, and consists of  
about 40 acres cleared & the residue timbered  
land, - This is the only property he has left  
undivided of. Your oratrix feel constrained  
to ask at the hands of a court of equity  
her reasonable support for life, she still  
hopes to regain the affections of her husband  
& does not <sup>desire to leave from the bonds of matrimony but only a mere</sup> ~~wish~~ <sup>desire</sup> for separation. She is  
soliciting at the common Law  
relief only in this Honorable Court.  
The object therefore is to attach upon said



lands & Subject them to the reasonable support of your estate during her life or the abandonment of her said husband.

The prayer of your estate therefore that the said Albert Lawson be made a party defendant to this bill & answer its several allegations upon his oath, that a *guardian ad litem* be appointed to defend him as he is an infant. That <sup>granting a divorce from bed & board and</sup> on a hearing a decree be rendered giving your estate her reasonable support and maintenance. That said lands be attached & held liable therefore until all other further & general relief be done & issue &c.

Wm. H. H. H. H. H.



On Oct 10. 72 July 1881  
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Jessie Lawrie

1882 Aug. Decree & Cont'd  
" Nov. Decree  
1883 Cont'd this Year  
80 Mr. Cont'd Aug. Decree final

vs Bill Chy in  
Wright Attachment

Elbert Lawson

1877 Oct. Bill Filed &  
Not Executed, Order  
of Pub. & Cont'd

1877 Nov. Continued

" Dec. O. P. Completed  
& set for hearing by  
Plaintiffs

1878 Mar. Decree & Cont'd

" Aug. " " "

" Nov. " " "

1877 Mar. Cont'd

" Nov. Decree & Cont'd

1880 Mar. & Aug. Cont'd

1881 Mar. Cont'd

1882 Mar. Decree & Cont'd

Decree & Cont'd

to 5.75 to 1878

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See 16- Chap 166

Code 1873 P. 1087

To the Hon John A. Kelly Judge of the Circuit Court of  
Lee County Virginia

The undersigned petitioner Albert Lawson respectfully  
represents to your Honor that he is now and has been for  
the last years a citizen and resident of the County of  
Christian in the State of Missouri. That there is now  
pending in your Honor's Court a Suit brought by Jeannie  
Lawson who sues by her next friend Windey Lawson against  
your petitioner, the object of which was to obtain a divorce  
from your petitioner and for alimony, and to subject your  
petitioner's lands <sup>or the proceeds thereof</sup> lying in said County of Lee to such main-  
tenance. Your petitioner further represents that by a decree  
entered in said cause on the 3rd day of April 1878  
the said Jeannie Lawson was granted a divorce "a  
mensa et thoro" and alimony decreed, and your  
petitioner's lands placed in the hands of a receiver  
to be rented out, and the rents and profits of said land  
applied to the maintenance and support of the said  
Jeannie Lawson.

Your Petitioner will further state that he has attained  
the age of 21 years, that he was proceeded against  
in said Suit as an infant by order of Publication, that he  
has not been served with process in said cause and did not  
learn until recently that such cause was pending against him  
and that he did not appear in said cause before the  
date of said decree. Your petitioner further states that five  
years have not elapsed since the date of said decree nor  
over since the institution of said Suit, and that he has not



been served with a copy of said decree one year before the  
expiration of said five years.

Your petitioner further states that he feels himself aggrieved  
by the said decree and proceedings had in said cause and  
that great injustice has been done him therein, He therefore  
prays that the proceedings had in said cause be set aside in  
 toto, that he be allowed to file his answer, the cause be heard  
and the injustice done your petitioner corrected, and as in  
duty bound your petitioner will ever pray, &c

Albert Lawson

adv. { Petition

Garrison Lawson

Filed in open Court  
by permission April

1-1882.

J. B. Bryant

clerk



To the Honorable John A. Kelly Judge  
of The Circuit Court of Lee County Virginia

The petition of John Lawson  
in the chancery cause of Jennie Lawson  
by vs. Elisha Lawson now pending in  
your Honor's Court.

Your petitioner would  
respectfully represent, that since the in-  
stitution of the pending suit, he became  
the purchaser of the land, and of con-  
sequence the rents, issues and profits of the same,  
that heretofore your petitioner has remained  
quiet, for the purpose of awaiting the  
adjustment of the respective rights  
of the Plaintiff and Defendant in the  
said cause, so that your petitioner could  
then assert his claims to such part  
of the land as his purchase and con-  
sequence entitled him, but it appears  
from the course things are taking in the  
said cause, that it will be some time  
before these matters are finally ad-  
judicated, and in the meantime the  
rents, issues and profits of the said land  
will continue to arise and accumulate  
and go into the hands of a Receiver  
appointed by decretal order of your Honor's Court.



your petitioner avers that such  
rights and interests in and to the said  
land, rents, issues and profits as may  
be ascertained to be the property of  
the said Elbert Lawson will belong and  
accrue to your petitioner, by virtue  
of his purchase as aforesaid, and  
which is evidenced by the Deed of  
the said Elbert executed, signed sealed  
delivered and acknowledged pursuant  
to law, and entered of Record in the  
Clerk's office of the County Court of Lee  
County in deed book No 19, Page 493.  
The original of which has been filed  
by your petitioner in a certain suit  
now depending in your Honors  
Court, instituted against him by  
his vendor the said Elbert, to which  
reference is here made to shew  
the right in which your petitioner  
claims. Your petitioner will patiently  
await the determination of this cause,  
but respectfully and humbly ask  
your Honor to enter such orders and  
decrees in the cause as will protect  
him from loss or detriment therein,  
And as in duty bound he will ever  
pray &c.



Virginia

Lee County to wit:

This day  
personally appeared John Lawson  
before me the undersigned clerk  
of the Circuit Court of Lee County and  
made oath in due form of law  
that the matters and things stated  
in the foregoing petition are to the  
best of his knowledge information  
and belief true, given under my  
hand this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1882.

J. Alstyatt clerk.



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John Lawson  
and 2 children  
John Lawson  
D.  
John Lawson

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Open Court Apr. 1/1882  
J. A. Hyatt  
Clerk



To the Hon. John A. Kelly Judge  
of the Circuit Court of Lee County

The demurrer and answer  
of Elbert Lawson to a bill of  
complaint exhibited in this hon-  
orable court against him by  
Jeannice Lawson by Winder  
Lawson her next friend.

Respondant says plaintiffs  
bill is not good and sufficient  
in law wherefore &c.

But if any farther or other answer  
is required respondent not waiving  
his said demurrer, answering  
says that he and plaintiff were  
married as stated in her bill  
and lived together for some  
time on good terms, but your  
respondant denies that he  
left the plaintiff without good  
cause or ever treated her  
in a cross or unkind manner

Respondant says that it is  
not true that plaintiff was



faithful to her marital vows  
and an obedient wife, but  
he states that whilst he was  
by hard work, industry and  
economy endeavoring to make  
a living and provide for the  
comfort and happiness of his  
said wife and whilst trusting  
and confiding in her virtue  
and chastity, she was secretly  
guilty of repeated acts of  
adultery with a paramour  
and grossly violated her  
marital vows,

Respondant further states  
that as soon as he became  
aware of the infidelity of his  
said wife he determined  
that he would no longer  
live with her and at once  
left and went to the state  
of Missouri, where he now  
resides and that he has  
never lived or cohabited with



his said wife since he became aware of her infidelity to him

Respondant denies that he was wrought upon by any one and induced to leave but avers that it was the knowledge of the great shame & disgrace which his wife had brought upon him, and that only that induced him to leave the home of his boyhood and the competency that had been provided for him by a kind ancestor, and seek to avoid the stigma in other lands and among other people.

Respondant denies that the plaintiff ever bore any children but avers that they were the fruit of her unlawful intercourse with a paramour which violating her marital bed

Respondant further answering says that plaintiff was



suining the same line of conduct  
that induced your respondent  
to leave her, has ever since  
lived in open and notorious  
adultery and has borne  
children by her paramour.

Respondent denies that the  
plaintiff is entitled to any  
support whatever out of his  
estate and states that she  
has conducted herself in  
such a manner as to deprive  
her of all rights, in the prem-  
ises, in a court of Equity  
and respondent is advised  
that this court will by proper  
order and decrees restore  
him the possession of his  
land and direct such  
rents and profits as may  
be in the hands of the receiver  
to be paid to him as well  
as grant him a decree over  
against plaintiff for such



rents and profits as she may  
have unlawfully received  
and now having fully answered  
plaintiffs bill or so much  
thereof as he is advised it is  
material to answer and  
herely denying generally each  
and every allegation thereof  
not hereinbefore confessed  
and avoided or denied may  
to be hence dismissed with  
his reasonable costs &c

Ayers & Morgan  
Attys for Respondent

State of Missouri  
County to wit

I

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for the county and  
state aforesaid do certify that  
Elbert Lawson this day made oath  
before me that the facts set forth in  
the foregoing answer are true in so  
far as they rest within his own



knowledge and that in so far  
as they depend upon infor-  
mation derived from others  
he believes them to be true  
Given under my hand  
this day of 1882



Elbert Lawson  
also ~~also~~ answer

Jeannie Lawson &c

Filed, in open court  
by permission Apr 13/88  
J. H. Hunt  
Clerk



Virginia Lee County, To wit

To the Honorable John A. Sully Judge of the Circuit Court of said County

The answer of Albert Lawson by C. T. Denson  
can his Quomian ad litem to a bill filed in this Honorable  
Court against him by Jennie Lawson.

This respondent seeing the benefit of all exceptions which  
can or may be taken to said bill for answer thereto answers and  
says that he is an infant under the age of 21 years and  
knows not what defense he should make for himself but  
he requires strict proof of every allegation charged in  
the bill and being advised that Courts of equity are the  
peculiar guardians of the rights of infants he trusts his  
cause in the hands of your Honoring that full and  
complete justice will be done him And now having  
answered as fully as he is advised it is material and  
necessary for him to answer it prays to be hence dis-  
missed

C. T. Denson C. & L.  
for Albert Lawson

Seneca to before me Dec 3rd 1877.

James H. Co. Clerk



Fannie Lawson

To Z. Ans of G. H. L.

Robert Lawson

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Filed Dec 30 1877  
J. W. Cor. Clk.



Jessie Lawson by vs.

vs.

Elbert Lawson

Petty

In Lely

Deft

The parties to this suit having settled the matters of dispute between them as shown by a paper filed in the cause Masked (ABC) Pursuant thereto by consent of parties It is adjudged ordered and decreed that the Petty Jessie Lawson be <sup>forever</sup> barred <sup>from asserting claims</sup> ~~of claims~~ <sup>in to or</sup> alimony as against the Deft. Elbert Lawson on account of the land in the bill mentioned and that the defendant is entitled to any costs due or to become due in this cause, and each party to pay their own costs, and they are hence dismissed and the cause stricken from the docket.



Jessie Lawson by re

as } Decennial

Edith Lawson

Entered page 2 2003

for 100 years

Enter this

in Oct. 11.

Aug. 27/84

Lower?



Francis Lewis for Plaintiff  
 vs.  
 Robert Lewis Defendant

In Reply

Deft

The Deft in the above named case has been presented by writ  
 as an infant and a resident of the State, and being  
 although the age of 22 years and five years past having  
 elapsed since the institution of the suit is the act  
 of the defendant by his counsel who presented his petition  
 in open court, praying to have the cause transferred to  
 the Deft. and to defend himself in the cause, the said  
 petition is by consent of the plaintiff's counsel, allowed to  
 be filed without being sworn to and by like consent  
 the Deft. and defendant is allowed to file his answer  
 to the Deft. and without being sworn to and the cause is  
 accordingly filed for which the Plaintiff abstracted  
<sup>with the following plea</sup>  
 general Verdict

and it appearing that Joseph Hill  
 former receiver, has not made a final  
 report, of his actions as such receiver, a  
 rule is awarded against him and his  
 security Thomas M. Thorne to show cause  
 if anything can appear the first day of  
 the next term, why an execution should  
 not issue against them for the money  
 so the bonds said received - And the  
 cause is continued



West Linn

in Person

James Linn

Exchanged Keys 2114

J. A. G. Hyatt  
Cuth

Ex Libris

1848

1848



Jeannie Lawson,

vs

Albert S. Lawson.

~~The order of Continuance last fore~~  
~~granted in this case, is set aside and therefore, the~~  
Cause come on again this day to be heard upon the  
proposed former record, and it appearing that the former  
receiver for Miller, has failed to execute the bond as  
ordered at a former day of this term, and the same  
being again argued by Counsel. It is adjudged order-  
ed & decreed, that the former receiver, pay over  
to the plaintiff her Counsel, the sum now, due hereby,  
and ~~the Sheriff~~ Thomas P. Edy, Sheriff of this County  
is ordered, to take said bond into possession  
& send the same for the use & benefit of the plaintiff  
~~for a period of one year~~ <sup>within the first day of Dec. 1882,</sup> he will report his  
action to this Court at some future term & the cause  
is continued.



Received of the  
Hon. Secy. of the  
War Dept.  
Twenty Five Dollars

Dec 18 1861  
1873



James Lawson by r. Coff

vs.

Albert S. Lawson

Def't

In Reply

Thomas M. Chasman who is the Security of Joseph Willis in his official bond as receiver in this cause this day moved the court to be released from further liability as security for said Willis as such receiver and to remove him from office and if he shall execute a new bond and it appearing to the court from a written notice of such motion filed among the papers of the cause that the said Willis had legal notice of said motion and he failing to show any cause why he should not be required to execute a new bond On consideration of all which it is so judged ordered and decreed that said Thomas M. Chasman be released from all further liability <sup>for any future receipts of moneys received</sup> on account of such security and that said Willis be removed from the office of such receiver and if he shall execute a new bond before the clerk of this court with good security as heretofore <sup>on or before the 5th day of this term</sup> required of him ~~under the cause is continued~~



*Jas. L. Lusk*

or } *Decree No. 4*

*Elbert S. Lusk*

*Entered Page 62*

*for C. B. Lusk*

*Entered This*

*for 4 Hall  
for 15  
Mar 24/81*



Jeannie Lawson by &c. Plff.

Against

Albert Lawson

Def.

} Dr Chy.

This cause came on again this day to be heard upon the papers formerly read and was argued by counsel. And it appearing that Joseph Willis receiver in this cause has heretofore failed to file his report of his acts & doings, or to pay the necessary costs & expenses heretofore decreed by the plff. It is ordered by the court that said Willis appear here on the first day of the next term of this court, and show cause if any he can why he shall not be fined for his said contempt; in failing to obey & discharge the duties heretofore assigned him, and further show to this court why he shall not be removed from his said office of receiver as aforesaid. And the cause is continued.



Leamie Lawson by or

or 3 Decree No 3

Elbert Lawson

Nov. 1. 1879

Entire page 64.

Wm. G. Clerk

Enter this decree

Decree 2 1879  
J. A. K.



Jennie Lauson & Co. { In Chy  
vs  
Elihu Lauson

This Cause came on again this day to be heard on the papers formerly read and was argued by counsel and it appearing that Loftham Maness the receiver appointed by this Court at its last term has failed to execute the bond required on consideration whereof and on motion of the plaintiff Joseph Willis is hereby appointed a receiver in the room and stead of the said Maness. And the said Willis is ~~directed before acting as receiver to~~ ~~also~~ having in open Court executed a bond with Tho M: Pherson security payable to the Commissioner in the penalty of \$500 - conditioned as prescribed in the former decree



He is ordered and "directed" to do all  
 secret acts and perform the duties  
 imposed by the former clause in the  
 said Mones, And report his actions  
 from time to time to the Council  
 and the Council is authorized

James L. Lusk by a

13 { Sec. of  
 substitution  
 1872  
 Lusk

James Lusk by a  
 1872

Order  
 1872  
 1872



Lamie Lueson by &c.  
against  
Elbert Lueson

} in ch.

This Cause came on this day to be  
tried on the bill of the plaintiff, the  
answer of the defendant by G. J. Duncan  
his guardian ad litem, the depositions  
of witnesses and was argued by counsel

On consideration whereof it is adjudged  
ordered and decreed that the plaintiff  
and defendant be divorced a vinculo  
et thoro ~~from bed and board~~—

And it further appears to the Court that  
the plaintiff is entitled to suitable maintenance  
out of the estate of defendant in the  
bill mentioned, wherefore it is further  
adjudged and decreed that ~~that~~ Loftus  
Maness who is hereby appointed ex-  
recutor & whereof it is made to take  
into his possession the land in the bill  
mentioned and not it out and

manage it in great measure as may seem  
most prudent and expedient, He may  
sell it <sup>the land</sup> ~~any one~~ name in the possession thereof  
to <sup>occupy</sup> ~~occupy~~ the same if <sup>he</sup> ~~they~~ seem to him  
the payment of a fair and reasonable  
rent, And out of the rents realized



by him to ~~well~~ pay the plaintiff her  
 her Disbursements. He said that after first paying the  
~~necessary costs incurred in the collection & disbursement of things~~  
~~for the present year, and he~~  
 he will report his action and the amount  
 which he may realize to this Court  
 from time to time. But before the  
 said <sup>business</sup> ~~business~~ receives any report under  
 this decree he is required to execute  
 a bond, <sup>in person</sup> payable to the Commonwealth  
~~the~~ before the Clerk of this Court  
 and to be filed with the papers of this  
 Cause, in the penalty of \$500, conditioned  
 to discharge the duties here, imposed.  
 It is further ordered that the  
 plaintiff receive her costs here  
 expended which the said receiver is ordered  
 to pay out of what may come to his  
 hands, And the Cause is continued

No 1

James Livingston

do } done for  
 witness

Elihu Lawson

Entered on the 14th

1790

Encl  
 J. B. K.  
 Apr. 1/90



Virginia,

At a Circuit Court continued and held for Lee County,  
at the Court House thereof, on Tuesday, December 2nd 1879.

Jeannie Lawson, by te.

Plaintiff

against  
Elbert Lawson

Defendant

} In Chancery.

This cause came on again this day to be heard upon the papers  
formally read, and was argued by counsel; and, it appearing  
that Joseph Willis, Receiver in this cause, has heretofore failed to  
file his report of his acts & doings, or to pay the necessary costs  
and expenses heretofore decreed to the plaintiff, It is ordered by the  
Court that said Willis appear here, on the first day of the next  
term of this Court, and shew cause, if any he can, why he  
shall not be fined for his said contempt in failing to obey & dis-  
charge the duties heretofore assigned him. And further, shew to  
this Court why he shall not be removed from his said office of  
Receiver as aforesaid. And the cause is continued.

Teste James H. Orr, Clerk.



(5)

Jeannie Lauson, by  
vs. } Copy of Deed  
Edbert Lauson.

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Exhibit.  
Thos. A. Kilduff  
for S. A. Clegg, S. C.



Virginia

A Circuit Court continued and held for the  
County at the Court House thereof on Wednesday  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1878.

Jennie Landon by &c

Ptiff.

against

Edw. Landon

Def.

In Chancery

This Cause came on this day to be heard on the bill  
of the plaintiff. The answer of the defendant by Ed  
Landon his curator ad litem the depositions of wit-  
nesses and was argued by counsel. On consideration  
whereof it is adjudged ordered and decreed that  
the plaintiff and defendant be divorced a mensa et thoro.  
and it further appears to the court that the plaintiff is  
entitled to suitable maintenance out of the estate of  
defendant in the bill mentioned wherefore it is further  
adjudged and decreed that L. O. Landon be  
hereby appointed a receiver and whose duty it is made  
to take into his possession the land in the bill mentioned  
and sell it out and manage it in such manner  
as may seem most prudent and expedient. He may  
permit the tenant now in the possession thereof to con-  
tinue to occupy the same if he secure the payment  
of a fair and reasonable rent and out of the rents  
realized by him he will pay the plaintiff towards her  
support the said rents after first paying the necessary  
costs attendant on the collection and disbursement  
thereof he will report his action and the amount  
which he may realize to this Court from time to time



But before the said Receiver receives any remainder this  
 decree he is required to account <sup>and</sup> bond with security pay-  
 able to the Commonwealth before the Clerk of this  
 Court, and to be full & with the orders of this Court  
 in the penalty of <sup>for</sup> ~~to~~ discharge  
 the duties hereby imposed. It is further ordered  
 that the Plaintiff recover his costs here expended  
 which the said receiver is ordered to pay out of  
 what may come to his hands and the Cause is  
 Continued.

A Copy

Teste R. W. Orr for the

17/5/88  
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 22/5/88  
 23/5/88

James L. Landon

or Deputy of Receiver

Collected Landon

Received by the Receiver

to collect the same

Indorsed Sept 1 20/5/88

Wm. J. Kelly for the

Plaintiff

Wm. J. Kelly for the

Plaintiff

Wm. J. Kelly for the

Plaintiff



Virginia.

In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County  
on the 7th day of February 1876.

Rebecca Linsan by Hiram Linsan, Plaintiff

against

Elbert Linsan

Defendant

For Recovery.

The deposition of Joseph Willis taken before the  
undersigned Commissioner in Chancery of the  
Circuit Court of the County to be read as evidence in  
the above styled cause on behalf of the Plaintiff.  
Taken in presence of the Plaintiff's Counsel, Mr.  
W. H. Hagan, and C. S. Linsan, Special Agent for the  
defendant.

The said Joseph Willis a witness of lawful age, and  
living first duly sworn, deposes and says.

I am acquainted with the Plaintiff and Defendant  
in this suit and a relation of the defendant, and  
have known them, and known so far as I have any  
personal knowledge, if they lived together peacefully  
and agreeably, until about Sept 1874, at which time  
the defendant left and has gone to parts unknown.  
Some short time before he left he disposed of all  
his available property, as I have been informed by  
the purchaser, Arthur Rogers, at very low prices.

Mr. Rogers also informed me that he had <sup>started</sup> ~~known~~  
defendant's land at the price of 200 bushels of corn  
after said money.

~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> five years, the defendant having left  
no means of support, <sup>his wife the Plaintiff</sup> ~~and~~ her many means that  
I have heard of, she is now in a destitute  
condition and in a pregnant condition also.

The respondents own two tracts of land containing  
from 200 to 300 acres, with some 75 or 100 acres in  
cultivation or cleared land, Joseph took possession of  
the crop raised on his land last year.

I think the <sup>market</sup> value of the aforesaid lands <sup>is</sup> ~~more~~  
\$12000. And further the respondent with note.

Joseph X. Hillis

Witness the County Court,

The foregoing declaration of Joseph Hillis was this  
day taken, submitted and sworn to before me for  
the purpose and at the place in the caption mentioned.

James H. Carr, County  
Clerk.

Paid for 75 cts

Witness W.C.

James H. Carr, County Clerk

Witness of Joseph Hillis

James H. Carr

Witness W.C.

Witness W.C.

James H. Carr 75 cts



Virginia Lee County to wit.  
This day Wm. L. Lawson personally  
appeared before me & made oath  
that Albert Lawson is a non resident  
of the Commonwealth of Virginia  
given under my hand this 10th  
day of Oct - 1897.

J. W. C. J. D. C.

Johnni Lawrence

W. J. Applegate  
Providence

Albert Lawson



To the Honorable John A. Kelley  
Judge of the Circuit Court of Kentucky on  
the undersigned having been appointed  
Coroner in the County of Jefferson  
Lawson vs Gilbert Lawson now  
pending in said court

By leave to state that in obedience  
to the order issued in said cause  
I was compelled not for the purpose  
until long after the same was  
entered but as soon as he received  
a copy of the order he proceeded  
as best he could, <sup>one of the books of</sup> and rented the  
houses <sup>in the place mentioned</sup> for the year 1879 to  
Peggy Johnson for one third of  
the crop and she paid over  
corn 44 bushels of corn which  
I sold in the shop at 25 cents  
per bushel being \$11.00 also  
21 bushels of Rye at 25 cents per bushel  
\$5.25 also 4 bushels of wheat which I  
sold at 60 cents per bushel \$2.40 total  
value of said rents \$18.65  
The other tract I rented to James  
Lawson for a third of the grain raised  
he paid me 60 bushels of corn which  
I sold 60 bushels of it at 25 cents per bushel \$15.00  
sold the residue 10 bushels at 10 cents per bushel



proffer \$11.66 total rents \$11.66  
this added to the other 12.40  
making total ~~rents~~ ~~sum~~ ~~sum~~  
for rents \$24.06 I did not for  
money for rent \$1.50 commission  
for travel at 5 percent \$1.12  
total expense \$2.62 this leaves in  
the hands of the commission

the sum of \$26.58 which ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> any fair to ~~proffer~~  
~~proffer~~ ~~for~~ ~~rents~~ ~~for~~ ~~rents~~  
~~Dyson & Braggatt~~ ~~attorneys~~ ~~for~~ ~~rents~~  
~~subject to the same~~ ~~as~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~  
~~and~~ ~~that~~ ~~these~~ ~~rents~~ ~~for~~ ~~rents~~  
~~rents~~ ~~rents~~ ~~rents~~ ~~rents~~ ~~rents~~ ~~rents~~

Respectfully ask now to be  
received from any parties  
and is come in this cause  
which come has been heard with  
it will for Justice to report  
in this cause, by leave to  
State that, he rented the land  
as soon as he was a copy of  
the Order, ~~and~~ could not  
have done so sooner as he had  
no authority to ~~pay~~ <sup>but</sup> the same  
~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~who~~  
served upon him, that is time to  
have rented it sooner.

James comes has done the best he  
could do under the circumstances  
and respectfully ask the court



~~be substituted in his name~~  
comes he understands from any  
writing only in said cause  
and that some other name  
be substituted in his name  
all of which is respectfully  
submitted

Gent

Joseph H. Willis

A. R. Langerman

mak

Terrence L. Linn  
vs. ~~3~~ <sup>Comrs</sup>  
Report  
Col. Linn

Filed Mar. 24th 1880  
Jas W Orr Clerk



Know all men by these presence That we  
Wine Lawson (Jennie Lawsons next friend) <sup>and</sup>  
Jennie Lawson both of the county of Lee and  
State of Va. of the one part and Elbert Lawson  
of the county of Christian and State of Mo. of  
the other.

Witnesseth That for and in consider-  
ation of the sum of twenty five dollars in  
hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged  
doth bargain sell and convey unto the said Elbert  
Lawson all right title claim or demand that  
said Jennie Lawson has, or has heretofore had  
either by alimony or in any wise pertaining to the  
claim that said Jennie Lawson sued the said Elbert  
Lawson in the circuit court of Lee county Virginia  
and obtained judgement therefor by Wine Lawson  
her next <sup>friend</sup> together with all the claim I have in  
the estate of the said Elbert Lawson my husband  
and all I claim in the bill I filed is hereby relin-  
quished and all the benefits of said judgement in said  
court I fully assign deliver and convey to the said  
Elbert Lawson his heirs or assigns forever and release  
for ever any dower that the laws of this state may  
allow me, or has heretofore allowed, I do this with  
a perfect understanding of what I am doing and have  
not been persuaded by any one so to do And I further  
authorize <sup>and</sup> empower my Council Gen. A. S. Riedemore  
to have my bill which I filed by next friend Wine



Lawson dismissed and Stricken from The docket and  
for him The Saide Gen. A. S. Bridgman to see that all  
the benefits of Saide bill and The judgments of The Court  
that Saide bill was filed goes now to the benefit of Elbert  
Lawson or his assigns.

In witness whereof I have hereunto, (with my  
next friend Wm Lawson) Signed, Sealed, acknowledged  
and delivered This instrument with warranty  
forever. To The Saide Elbert Lawson

This The 26<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1882

Attest

Wm P Rogers

Wm <sup>his</sup> + Lawson

Jennie <sup>his</sup> + Lawson

Seal

Seal

Wm P Rogers  
Seal  
Elbert Lawson  
Oct. 26 1882

(A136)

State of Nev I, Geo. W. Tate an acting Justice of the  
Said County & State in and for said county do hereby certify that  
Wm Lawson and Jennie Lawson, both parties  
are signers to the foregoing instrument of writing both parties  
sincerely appeared before me and have acknowledged that their  
signatures by their marks, were genuine and were acknowledged  
for the purpose set forth in said instrument and for the  
execution of the same  
Given under my hand and official signature  
Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 1882  
Geo. W. Tate J.



Virginia

At a circuit Court continued and held  
for Lee County at the Court House thereof  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1882.

Jeannie Lawson by D. --- Plff.

vs

Elbert Lawson --- Def.

In Chancery

The defendant in this cause having been proceeded  
against as an infant and a non-resident of the  
State, and having attained the age of 21 years,  
and five years not having elapsed since the  
institution of the suit. On the motion of the deft,  
by his Counsel, who presented his petition in  
Open Court, praying to have the cause reope-  
ned, and is by consent of plaintiffs Counsel,  
allowed to be filed without being sworn to,  
and by like consent the said defendant is allow-  
ed to file his answer to the plaintiffs bill, with-  
out being sworn to, and the same is accordingly  
filed, to which the plaintiffs entered a general  
replication, and the petition of John Lawson  
is filed, to which Elbert Lawson appears, and  
Rule against Jeannie Lawson is awarded  
to answer the same.

A Copy Teste

J. A. Hyatt  
Clerk

Jeanie Lawson by  
vs Rule against  
Jeanie Lawson

Albert Lawson

To 1<sup>st</sup> day Aug. 1. 1882

Executed  
H. Miles D.S.



Virginia

At a Circuit Court Continued  
and held for Lee County at the Court  
House thereof on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1882

Jeannie Lawson by &c.

Plffs

vs

Elbert Lawson

Def.

In Chancery

# # # # # And it appearing that  
Joseph Willis Farmer receiver has not  
made a final report of his action as such  
receiver, a Rule is awarded against him  
and his security Thomas McPherson to  
shew cause, if any they can, upon the  
first day of the next term, why an  
execution shall not issue against  
them for the amounts in the hands of  
said receiver # # #

Copy Lecto: -

J. A. Hyatt  
Clerk.

Jessie Lawson by  
vs Rule against  
Joseph Willis et al.

Elbert Lawson

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To 1<sup>st</sup> day August 1. 1882

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Executed  
H. Miles J. S.



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Appear all men by these presents that we Joseph  
Willis & Thomas M'Pherson are held and firmly  
bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the  
just and full sum of Five hundred dollars for  
the payment thereof well and truly to be made  
to the said Commonwealth our heirs and assigns our  
heirs executors and administrators jointly and  
severally firmly by these presents. And we hereby  
waive the benefit of our homestead exemptions as  
to this bond. Witness our hands and seals this 20th  
day of August 1878.

The condition of the above obligation is such that where  
as the above named Joseph Willis has this day been  
substituted in room of Saffin Thomas as receiver in  
the Chancery cause of James Thomas leg & plaintiff  
against Elliott Thomas defendant to take into his  
possession the land in the bill mentioned and to cut  
it out and manage it in such manner as may seem  
most prudent and expedient &c. and to execute the decree  
in said cause rendered at the March term 1878.

Now if the said Joseph Willis shall well and faithfully  
perform and discharge the duties imposed by the de-  
crees in said cause then this obligation to be void  
otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Witness my hand  
this 20th day of Aug 1878  
John James M'Pherson

Joseph Willis (seal)  
Thos. M'Pherson (seal)

Harriet Emerson 6/7

By Rebecca Bond

Edmund Emerson

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Tested Aug 30th 1878.

James H. Orin 24



Jeannie Lawson who was by Minister  
Lawson her next friend - aff.

31 Aug.

Albert Lawson (left)

The object of this suit is to attach upon the lands of the defendant Albert Lawson situated upon the "Hickory Hill" in Lee County Va. on the waters of the North Fork of Clinch River & which the said Albert Lawson derives by descent from his father Russell Lawson now deceased; and which said lands adjoin the lands of Addie Lawson and Larkin Maney. Consisting of about 250 or 300 acres, 40 of which is cleared and the residue timbered; and is the same where on the said Walter Lawson now resides. The object of the attachment is to hold said lands liable for the reasonable support & maintenance of the plaintiff Leannie Lawson wife of the said Albert Lawson, in the said

Virginia, Lee County Court Clerk's office the 5th day of Oct, 1877. The foregoing Dispensens was this day filed in this office and admitted to record.

Teste R.W. Orr Jr. D.C.

J. Annie Larnbyre

is <sup>5</sup> Lispenden

Edith Larnbyre

Recorded in Deed Book  
No 18. Page 142  
R. H. O. 1877

Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1877



To Joseph Willis Ransom &c

Sir Whereas by a decree entered  
in the chancery cause of Jammie Lawson by &c vs  
Elbert Lawson now pending in the circuit court  
of Lee County Virginia on the 30th day of Sept,  
1878 you were appointed a receiver in said  
cause to rent out and receive the rents and  
profits of the land in the bill and proceedings  
in that cause mentioned, but before entering on  
the discharge of the duties of such receiver you  
were required to enter into bond with security  
for the performance of the duties pertaining thereto  
and whereas by a bond dated Sept the 30th 1878  
I have been jointly bound with you as your surety,  
in the sum of \$500.00 for the faithful discharge  
by you of the duties of the office of receiver aforesaid  
and whereas I feel myself to be in danger of  
sustaining a loss by reason of such surety,

Notice is therefore given you that on the  
30th day of the next Term of the circuit court for  
Lee County at the court <sup>House</sup> I will make a motion  
before said court in that cause to be released from  
further liability as such surety, and to remove  
you from the office of such receiver unless you  
execute a new bond with other security

Thomas McPherson Lewis

Circuit Agent & Clerk

March 17 1881

Thomas McPherson

is by notice 30 day of June

Joseph Willis

I accept legal  
service of the within  
notice

Joseph<sup>his</sup> Willis  
mark

where I served please return  
to me 30/6



James

At Leesburg in the Clerk's office of the Circuit  
Court of Lee County, on Monday the 1st day of  
Oct 1877.

James Harrison by or

Plff

against

Albert Larson

Def

In Chancery

The object of this suit is to attach the land on the  
Bill and proceeding pretenses belonging to the defen-  
dant, Albert Larson which descended to him from his  
father Russell Larson and situate upon the N.W.  
1/4 of Sec 12, Lee County, Virginia, adjoining the land  
of Capt. Mann et al, and subject the same to the  
support and maintenance of the plaintiff, James  
Harrison, and it appearing from the affidavits  
filed in the cause that the defendant, Albert  
Larson, is a non-resident of this state, It is there-  
fore ordered that he appear here in due season  
after publication of this order and as what  
is necessary to protect his interests in this suit.

A copy

Teste, R. W. Orr, J. D. C.

I certify that on Monday the first day of the November  
term 1877, of the County Court of Lee County, I posted  
a copy of the above order at the front door of the Court  
house of said County, Given under my hand this 1st day of Nov 1877.

James W. Orr, Clerk.

Jeanne Lanson by r

to Dr. Prof.

Elbert Lanson

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Copy to Portland.



# The Commonwealth of Virginia:

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY---Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *Albert Lunsom*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Lee County, at the Court-House, in the Clerk's Office, at *November* Rules next, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court against *him, Jennie Lunsom who sues by Thosder Lunsom her next friend*

And have then there this writ. Witness. JAMES W. ORR, Clerk of our said court, at the Court-House, this *5th* day of *October* 1877, in the *102* year of the Commonwealth.

*Attest* *James W. Orr, Clerk*  
*James W. Orr, Clerk*

The proper affidavit having been made, it is ordered  
that the Sheriff executing this process do attach the  
tract of land in the bill mentioned belonging to the de-  
fendant, lying and being in the County of A., and the thence  
will cover the waters of the North Fork of the River  
that descended to the defendant from his father Russell Benson  
and adjoins the lands of Captain Thomas S. & Eliza Benson  
containing about 250 or 300 acres and consisting of about  
40 acres cleared and the residue timbered land. And if  
some in his hands so attached so to secure and provide that  
the same may be forthcoming with liablity to the future  
order of the Court.

Attest  
James H. Orr, Clerk.



# The Commonwealth of Virginia:

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY---Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON

*Elbert Laussen*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Lee County, at the Court-House, in the Clerk's Office, at *November* Rules next, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court against *him* by *Jessie Laussen* who *swears* by *Walter Laussen* her next friend

And have then there this writ. Witness. JAMES W. ORR, Clerk of our said court, at the Court-House, this *5th* day of *October* 1877, in the *22nd* year of the Commonwealth.

*James W. Orr, Clerk.*

(51) 1214 P  
Jeannie Laussen Lyre  
vs. Spd in Chancery.

Elbert Laussen

100 Rules 1877.

Levied the attachment  
as directed in the endorse-  
ment hereon, on the tract  
of land described in said  
endorsement, Oct 5th 1877.

But I did not execute  
the writ in Spd on the  
defendant he being a  
nonresident of this State.

Thomas J. El. D. S.  
for Thomas S. El. S. L. C.

Tax Paid.

The proper affidavit having been made in this cause, it is ordered  
that the sheriff executing this process do attach the tract of land  
in the full and true name of the defendant, being and  
being in the county of, on the 11th day of April and on the 11th day  
of the month of May, 1877, and that he do record to the de-  
fendant from his father, Samuel Laussen, decd, and assign  
the lands of Captain Harmon, decd, to the defendant, containing 250 or  
500 acres and consisting of about 40 acres cleared and the residue  
uncleared land, and the same in his hands so attached so to occupy  
and provide that the same may be forthcoming and liable to the  
return order of the court.

~~Accepted~~  
James W. Dr. Clerk.



## I Hereby Certify

That, a Chancery Order in the Circuit Court of  
Lee County, of which the annexed is a copy,  
was printed four successive weeks in the "Lee County  
Sentinel," a weekly newspaper published in the town of  
Jonesville, County of Lee, State of Virginia. Publication  
ending this, 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 1877.

*Charles Willoughby*

Publisher "Sentinel."

VIRGINIA :—At rules held in the Clerk's  
office of the Circuit Court of Lee county,  
on Monday, the 1st day of October, 1877.

JENNIE LAWSON, by, &c., Pltff.	} In Chancery
against	
ELBERT LAWSON, Def't.	

The object of this suit is to attach the land  
in the bill and proceedings mentioned, belong-  
ing to the defendant, Elbert Lawson, which  
descended to him from his father Russell Law-  
son, dec'd., situated upon the Hickory Hill in  
Lee county, Virginia, adjoining the lands of  
Loflin Maness et als, and subject the same to  
the support and maintainance of the plaintiff,  
Jennie Lawson. And it appearing from an affi-  
davit filed in the cause, that the defendant, El-  
bert Lawson, is a non-resident of this State.—  
It is therefore ordered that he appear here  
within one month after due publication of this  
order, and do what is necessary to protect his  
interest in this suit.

A copy, Teste—R. W. ORR, jr., D. C.  
Oct 6 4w \$5.

Publisher's Certificate.

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CASE OF

Jennie S. Lawson  
vs.

Albert Lawson

in Chancery.

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P. Q.